GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4290
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WASTEFUL EXPENDITURE ON IRIGATION PROJECT
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG) in its Report 2 of 2001 (Civil) has brought out non-commission of Lift Irrigation Projects (LIP) even after spending Rs. 58.69 lakh as a result of which the purpose of LIP to irrigate fodder and fodder seed farm situated in 200 hectare of land could not be achieved;

(b) if so, whether the Government would look into the matter for wasteful expenditure on the project and take appropriate steps in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES(SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Yes, sir.

(b) & (c) A sum of Rs. 58.69 lakh was released by the Ministry of Agriculture for commissioning of the Lift Irrigation project at the Central Cattle Breeding Farm, Dhamrod, Gujarat.The work was awarded to Gujarat Water Resources Development CorporationLtd. (GWRDC). As intimated by the Director of the Farm the worktaken in two phases has now been completed in the month of October, 2002, and testing was carried out in Dec., 2002 and February, 2003. Water reached the farm pond. But some major and minor leakages were observed which were also repaired and further testing was carried out during 8.4.2003 to 12. 4.2003 at phase −I. The testing of phase- II is still due. Further testing will be carried out from 21.4.2003.